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Highlights

- Crop production • Dairy products • Farm wages
- Milk production • 2003 Commodity report dates



This is the time of year when we enjoy the bountiful foods on our tables in the tradition of Thanksgiving. As we celebrate, let's not forget to thank our great Oregon farmers and ranchers who produce nutritious, safe, abundant, and affordable food which we enjoy every day.

Potato production down 8 percent

Potato production in Oregon is forecast at 19.1 million cwt., 8 percent below the 2001 crop. The decrease in production is a result of the lowest yields since 1974. The 2002 yield is forecast at 383 cwt. per acre. This is down 83 cwt. from 2001. Acreage increased 11 percent for planted and 12 percent for harvested acres. For 2002 it is estimated that 50,000 acres were planted and 49,800 acres will be harvested. Malheur County anticipates harvesting 8,000 acres, with expected yields of 400 cwt. per acre. This would be down 10 cwt. from the previous year. In other Oregon counties, 41,800 acres is expected to be harvested, with an average yield of 380 cwt. per acre, down 100 cwt. from last year.

U.S. production of fall potatoes for 2002 is forecast at 415 million cwt., up 5 percent from last year but 11 percent smaller than the record high 2000 crop. Area harvested, at 1.12 million acres, is up 4 percent from last year but 6 percent below two years ago. The average yield is forecast

at 371 cwt. per acre, 4 cwt. above last year. Production estimates are generally lower this year in central and eastern States but higher in the west. Harvest has been completed on schedule in nearly all States. The nine western States' production is forecast at 292 million cwt., up 10 percent from last year but 11 percent below 2000. Acreage harvested, at 700,700 acres, gained 9 percent from last year, while the average yield of 417 cwt. per acre is up 6 cwt. California growers responded with record high yields with adequate irrigation water available in the Tule Lake Basin. Colorado's production jumped 31 percent as farmers had sufficient irrigation water to sustain them through the hot summer. Idaho's production increased 11 percent from last year as potatoes were able to size up at the end of the season. Higher acreage in Washington pushed production up 6 percent despite lower yields. Production in Nevada and New Mexico rose 9 and 12 percent, respectively, from a year ago. Production fell 8 percent in Oregon, 3 percent in Montana, and 29 percent in Utah.

Fall potatoes: Acreage, yield & production, by State and United States 2001-2002 ^{1/}

State	Area harvested		Yield per acre		Production	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	Cwt.	Cwt.	1,000 cwt.	1,000 cwt.
Oregon total	44.5	49.8	466	383	20,730	19,084
Malheur county	9.0	8.0	410	400	3,690	3,200
Other counties	35.5	41.8	480	380	17,040	15,884
California	3.2	8.9	445	500	1,424	4,450
Colorado	67.8	71.5	315	390	21,357	27,885
Idaho total	348.0	373.0	345	358	120,200	133,385
10 SW counties	23.0	27.0	450	455	10,350	12,285
Other counties	325.0	346.0	338	350	109,850	121,100
Maine	62.0	64.0	265	265	16,430	16,960
Nebraska	22.4	21.4	375	395	8,400	8,453
Michigan	45.0	45.5	310	305	13,950	13,878
Minnesota	55.0	53.0	335	340	18,425	18,020
New York	23.3	22.0	255	250	5,942	5,500
North Dakota	110.0	102.0	240	230	26,400	23,460
Washington	160.0	175.0	590	570	94,400	99,750
Wisconsin	83.0	83.0	385	370	31,955	30,710
Other states	49.0	48.0	289	280	14,137	13,427
Total fall potatoes	1,073.2	1,117.1	367	371	393,750	414,962

^{1/} 2002 preliminary.

Crop Summary: Area harvested, yield and production, Oregon and United States, 2001 and forecasted, November 1, 2002

Crop & unit	Oregon						United States					
	Harvested		Yield		Production		Harvested		Yield		Production	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	<i>1,000 acres</i>	<i>1,000 acres</i>	<i>Per acre</i>	<i>Per acre</i>	<i>1,000 units</i>	<i>1,000 units</i>	<i>1,000 acres</i>	<i>1,000 acres</i>	<i>Per acre</i>	<i>Per acre</i>	<i>1,000 units</i>	<i>1,000 units</i>
Dry edible beans ^{1/} Cwt.	9.5	7.5	18.1	17.0	172	128	1,243.0	1,690.6	15.7	16.3	19,541	27,594
Austrian Winter peas.Cwt	0.6	0.5	15.0	13.0	9	7	7.1	8.5	13.7	14.2	97	121
Sorghum for grain Bu.	*	*	*	*	*	*	8,584	7,528	59.9	50.7	514,524	381,499
Soybeans Bu.	*	*	*	*	*	*	72,975	71,799	39.6	37.5	2,890,682	2,689,691

^{1/} Oregon estimate carried forward from earlier forecast.

* Not estimated in Oregon.

U.S. Wage rates up 4 percent from a year ago

There were 1.19 million hired workers on the farms and ranches in the U.S. for the week of October 6-12, 2002.

On average, U.S. wage rates were up 4 percent from a year ago. All hired workers were paid \$8.93 an hour, 34 cents more than a year ago. Field workers made \$8.30 per hour, up 29 cents from the previous year. Livestock workers were paid \$8.44 an hour.

The average number of hours worked was 40.4, down from a year ago.

There were 77,000 hired workers in the Pacific region, working an average of 39.2 hours a week.

Wage rates for all hired workers in the region was \$9.47 per hour. Field workers received \$8.91 per hour, while livestock workers were paid \$9.36 per hour.

U.S. hired farm workers October 6-12, 2002 ^{1/}

Area	Number of hired workers	Expected to be employed		Number of hours worked	Rate for all hired workers	Type of worker			
		150 days or more	149 days or less			Field	Livestock	All workers	
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Per week</i>	<i>\$ per hour</i>	<i>Dollars per hour</i>	<i>Dollars per hour</i>	<i>Dollars` per hour</i>	
PNW ^{2/}	2002	77	46	31	39.2	9.47	8.91	9.36	8.99
	2001	89	51	38	39.4	9.70	9.34	9.87	9.39
MTN ^{3/}	2002	30	21	9	45.1	8.13	7.84	7.95	7.89
	2001	27	20	7	42.4	7.72	6.99	7.70	7.31
CALIF	2002	265	218	47	45.5	9.35	8.51	9.42	8.62
	2001	255	200	55	46.7	8.57	7.91	9.56	8.04
U.S.	2002	935	681	254	40.4	8.93	8.30	8.44	8.33
	2001	991	708	283	41.7	8.59	8.01	8.39	8.09

^{1/} Excludes agricultural service workers.

^{2/} Oregon and Washington.

^{3/} Idaho, Montana & Wyoming.

**Dairy products: Quantities manufactured,
September 2002**

Product		Production	
		September 2002	Change from 2001
		<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Oregon			
American cheese	Lbs.	8,187	28.9
Ice cream, hard	Gal.	800	-0.9
United States			
Butter	Lbs.	92,166	6.3
American type cheese	Lbs.	286,822	3.5
Creamed cottage cheese	Lbs.	31,702	6.3
Canned evaporated and			
Condensed whole milk	Lbs.	35,533	-15.7
Non-fat dry milk	Lbs.	93,824	-0.6
Yogurt-plain & flavored	Lbs.	189,268	2.7
Ice cream, hard	Gal.	70,323	0.2
Low fat ice cream, soft		24,025	-1.2
Frozen yogurt, all	Gal.	6,620	12.3

October Milk Production Up 2.3 Percent

Milk production in the 20 major States during October totaled 12.0 billion pounds, up 2.3 percent from October 2001. September revised production, at 11.7 billion pounds, was up 2.5 percent from September 2001. The September revision represented a decrease of 91 million pounds or 0.7 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.79 million head, 67,000 head more than October 2001, and 8,000 head more than September 2002.

Milk: Cows & production, by state, Oct. 2001-2002

State	Milk cows ^{1/}		Milk production ^{2/}		2002 2001
	2001	2002	2001	2002	
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Mil. Pounds</i>	<i>Mil. Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Oregon	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Wash	247	247	459	461	0.4
Calif	1,609	1,664	2,808	2,920	4.0
Idaho	369	392	672	694	3.3
20 State	7,726	7,793	11,756	12,030	2.3

^{1/} Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

^{2/} Excludes milk sucked by calves.

Dates for 2003 commodity reports

Major reports to be issued in 2003 by the Agricultural Statistics Board of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service are:

2002 annual field crop summary: January 10

Agricultural chemical usage: Pears - May 12; Field crops - May 14; Vegetables - July 16

Annual vegetables: January 29

Cattle: January 31, July 18

Crop production: Jan. 10, Feb. 11, Mar. 11, Apr. 10, May 12, Jun. 11, Jul. 11, Aug. 12, Sep. 11, Oct. 10, Nov. 12, Dec. 11

Crop Values: February 13

Farm Labor: Feb. 21, May 16, Aug. 15, Nov. 21

Field crop acreage: June 30

Hop Stocks: March 20, September 18

Grain stocks: Jan. 10, Mar. 31, June 30, Sep. 30

Hogs & Pigs: Mar. 28, June 27, Sep. 26, Dec. 30.

Mink production: July 15

Mushroom production: August 15

Noncitrus fruit & nuts: January 24, July 8

Potatoes: September 18

Potato stocks: Jan. 16, Feb. 14, Mar. 13, Apr. 15 May 14, Jun. 13, Dec. 15

Prospective plantings: Mar. 31

Sheep: January 31, July 18

Small grain summary: Sept. 30

Winter wheat seedings (2003 harvest): January 10

A calendar and catalog showing the full schedule of Agricultural Statistics Board reports for 2003 will be available in early December. For copies, write Agricultural Statistics Board Publications, USDA/NASS, Room 5829, South Bldg., Washington D.C. 20250-2000, telephone (202) 720-4021, or visit web site: <http://www.usda.gov/nass/> and click on publications

Farm production expenses: Oregon, 1997-2001

Item	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
	<i>Million dollars</i>	<i>Million dollars</i>	<i>Million dollars</i>	<i>Million dollars</i>	<i>Million dollars</i>
Intermediate farm expenses:					
Feed	236.3	217.6	213.6	236.9	223.8
Livestock & poultry	19.8	22.2	20.4	30.4	32.9
Seed	91.2	98.9	102.0	106.2	133.3
Fertilizer & lime	185.4	171.7	158.6	158.9	165.4
Pesticides	143.9	138.6	131.9	125.1	134.8
Fuel & oil	90.7	78.6	88.6	104.1	110.5
Electricity	50.5	46.7	54.9	54.5	78.4
Repair & maintenance	294.3	262.9	306.3	309.9	272.4
Machine hire & custom work	82.2	106.0	100.2	75.4	70.8
Marketing, storage & transportation	198.8	174.5	196.6	229.1	257.9
Contract labor	43.0	35.5	38.6	38.1	56.8
Miscellaneous, including operator dwellings	277.7	276.6	278.3	253.5	304.9
Total intermediate farm expenses	1,713.8	1,629.8	1,690.0	1,722.1	1,841.9
Farm Production Expenses:					
Motor vehicle registration & licensing	18.1	17.9	19.2	16.9	18.6
Capital consumption, including operator dwellings	344.6	350.5	359.3	359.4	363.8
Taxes on farm property	132.3	133.4	133.4	134.1	139.6
Employee compensation (total hired labor)	577.8	597.8	686.4	699.2	728.3
Interest expenses including operator dwellings	184.2	187.1	197.7	208.1	203.4
Net rent to non-operator landlords	346.0	292.8	309.1	305.9	296.1
Total farm production expenses	3,317.0	3,209.4	3,394.2	3,445.6	3,591.7

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Economic Research Service, State Financial Summary.

May not add due to rounding.

Web site: <http://www.ers.usda.gov/data/farmincome/finfidmu.htm>

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